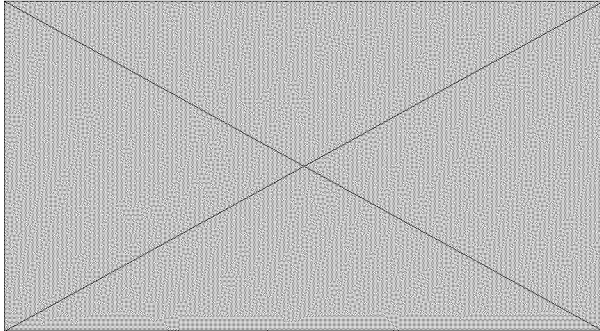


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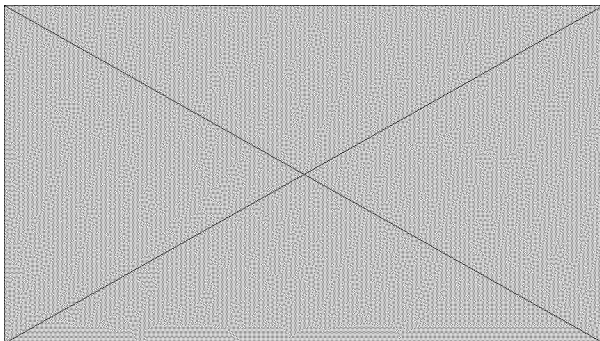
Dear Friends,



**Spirit Camp continues to grow, at 1,200 now**

**Big Oil has redoubled its efforts to convince America that the Bakken Pipeline is safe and inevitable (they just launched a new front group). Yet signs are everywhere that pipeline fighters are scoring more and more kinks in Big Oil's armor.**

**The epicenter of Bakken pipeline resistance recently has been the Standing Rock Sioux Spirit Camp near Cannonball, North Dakota. The Camp took root in April with thirty people, and now has grown to 1,200 pipeline warriors, with more coming from over 30 tribal nations, and non-tribal allies joining as well.**

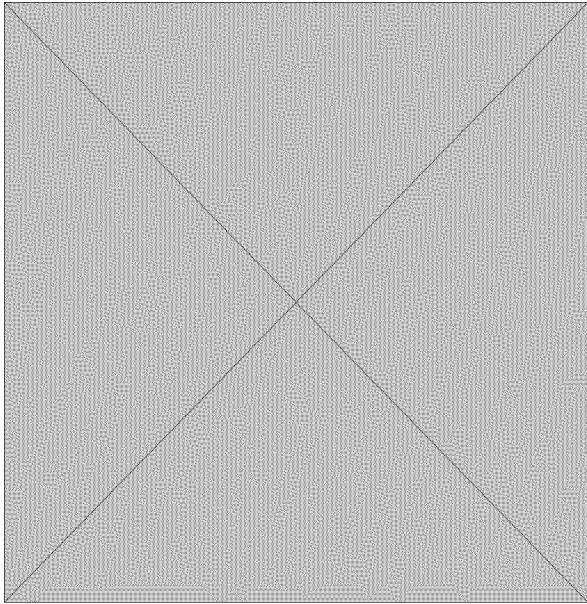


**Law enforcement at Spirit Camp**

**I spoke with Mekasi Horinek with Bold Oklahoma, a Ponca and one of the Camp's leaders.**

**"What's happening is unprecedented," said Mekasi. "We haven't seen anything like this in over 100 years, where Indigenous People from the seven council fires have come together and erected the sacred council lodge. The last time that happened was Custer's last stand. Well, we're putting the pipeline company on notice that this is their last stand."**

**The Camp is indeed having an impact. Just this week, Dakota Access announced it was halting construction there indefinitely. And in a desperate move to stem the flow of fighters to the Camp, local law enforcement actually closed the roads! ([Watch the video here.](#))**

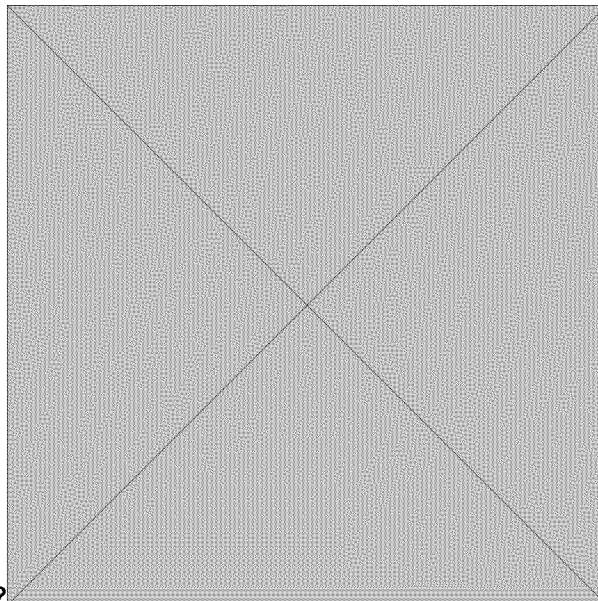


### **Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier on limiting access to Spirit Camp**

One argument given is that there were threats of pipe bombs being planted. "That's totally false," Mekasi told me. "We've had tv cameras and news crews here all the time. The only pipe we have here is our sacred pipe. This is a peaceful camp. We're here in prayer, and all arrests have been non-violent."

Indeed, there have been 28 arrests so far, and not a single incident of anyone resisting arrest.

For an important summary of the link between the pipeline resistance in North Dakota and the historic deadly flooding downstream in Louisiana, check out this [piece by Bill McKibben](#) (and meet Mekasi, who's quoted in the second video).

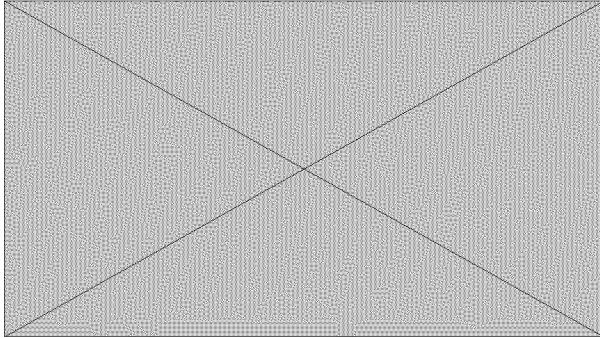


So, what can YOU do to help?

1. Go to the Camp of the Sacred Stones. And if you can't do that, support the [Legal Defense Fund](#) for those risking arrest.

**2. We're next, Iowa! Yes, non-violent direct action will begin here soon, sorry to say. Please sign the Pledge of Resistance and/or circulate it to your networks.**

**3. Write to President Obama. He needs to step forward, stop sitting on the sidelines, break his silence and reject Bakken like he did Keystone. Write to him directly and/or sign this petition.**



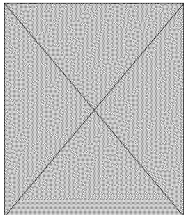
**Last year, the Standing Rock Sioux listened to President Obama. Now will he listen to them?**

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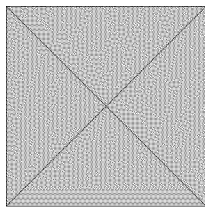


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## **EVENTS**

### **Fri, Aug 19 - Hearing on landowner injunction (Des Moines)**

The hearing on the injunction filed on behalf of 10 Iowa landowners seeking to block the illegal use of eminent domain for the Bakken pipeline is scheduled for today at 1:00 p.m. at the Polk County Courthouse, room 310. No signs, protests, or statements are to be made, just be there to support the landowners. [Click here for more details.](#)

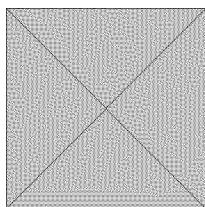


**Sat, Aug 20 - All Boats on Deck! (Cannonball, ND)**

The Standing Rock Sioux Spirit Camp is calling on all canoeists, kayaktivists, paddlers, and water warriors to bring their boats and courage and join them on the Missouri River to defend land and water against the Bakken Pipeline. [Visit here for details.](#)

**Sat, Aug 20 - Iowa CCI Annual Convention (Des Moines)**

All-day convention at First Christian Church, 2500 University Ave. You'll hear from doers and thinkers from around the nation on a number of People-and-Planet-First issues and get plugged into what's ahead. [More info here.](#)

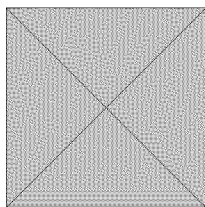


**Thu, Aug 25 - Weekly Peace Vigil (Des Moines)**

Join Catholic Peace Ministry and other peace groups every Thursday for a peace vigil on the northwest side of the Civic Center, 221 Walnut Street from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Bring your signs or banners for peace. Contact [catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com](mailto:catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com).

**Fri, Aug 26 - Catholic Worker Celebration (Des Moines)**

Join workers and guests for supper at 6:00 p.m. Dingman House, 1310 7th St. Then at 7:30, Fr. Roy Bourgeois speaks on "The Struggle for Peace, Justice and Equality" at Trinity United Methodist, 1548 8th St, which is 3 blocks from the House. Contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com) or 515-282-4781.

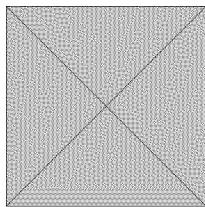


**Sat, Aug 27 - Catholic Worker Celebration (Des Moines)**

From 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., a picnic, testimonials, music and dancing in the lot across the street from Dingman House, 1310 7th, followed from 4:00-6:00 p.m. by a panel discussion on "What would a more listening and non-judging US Catholic Church look like for Women?," featuring Fr. Roy and Rev. Janice Sevre-Duszynska, at Trinity United Methodist, 1548 8th St. Then at 7:00 p.m., there's a social time with music and munchies at Dingman House. Contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com) or 515-282-4781.

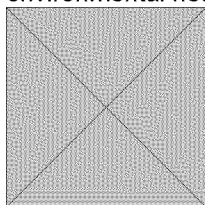
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Mass at 8:30 a.m., with liturgy by Rev. Janice Sevre-Duszynska in the lot across the street from Dingman House, 1310 7th Street. Contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com) or 515-282-4781.



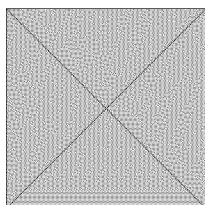
**Wed, Sep 7 - Dr. Sandra Steingraber: "From know-how to do-now" (Cedar Falls)**

Dr. Steingraber and her colleagues put science into action in New York when they successfully compelled state officials to ban fracking for oil and gas extraction. Her speech focuses on what is science for if we are not acting on it in the face of a climate crisis. Her visit is part of a larger Science in Action initiative at UNI to involve faculty and students in the community acting on energy and climate, land and bio diversity restoration, and environmental health needs of the community. Contact Kamyar Enshayan at 319-273-7575.



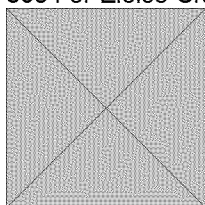
**Sat, Sep 10 - Citizens' Climate Lobby Meeting (Des Moines)**

At 10:00 a.m. at the Des Moines Public Library-North Side Library Meeting Room, 3516 Fifth Avenue. All welcome.



**Wed, Sep 21 - Celebration of International Day of Peace (Des Moines)**

At 6:30 p.m. at Peace Garden in Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St. This service will express a vision of peace and a position against war shared by all faith traditions. The Rev. Ryan Arnold will be the keynote speaker. The Diversity Chorus will present a couple of numbers on the theme of peace. Contact Chet Guinn at 515-282-8054 or Eloise Cranke at [ecranke@mchsi.com](mailto:ecranke@mchsi.com).

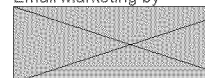


**Thu, Oct 6 - Iowa Environmental Council Annual Conference (Ankeny)**

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., this year's IEC annual conference is called "ECONomics: Dollars, Sense & Sustainability." It's at the FFA Enrichment Center at the DMACC Ankeny Campus, 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, and explores the bond between our environment, communities and economy. Jon D. Erickson, fellow of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics and professor at the Rubenstein School of Environmental and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont will be the keynote speaker at this year's event. [Click here for more details.](#)

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